

The Electric Boat Company have been engaged in doubtful and reprehensible efforts to influence members of Congress and officials of the Navy Department in favor of their boats and appropriations therefor.

That it can be shown upon investigation that certain representatives of leading newspapers have been subsidized by the Electric Boat Company for favorable newspaper articles and reports in behalf of the said companies.

It has never been held that evidence should be taken or submitted in advance to warrant Congressional investigation. Such a procedure would be investigation per se by the Committee on Rules. Such an investigation should be only undertaken by a committee specially appointed for that purpose, and before which committee witnesses could be examined, books and documents produced, and all testimony presented.

"If these things are not actually within the pale of the law, they are a disgraceful practice and tend to throw discredit upon the Congress of the United States."

#### Lawyer Employed.

"In the last Congress a large manufacturer from my town, an intimate friend, a man who would probably have as much influence with me as any man in my State, told me that he had the promise of a large order if I would vote for the submarine. At the same time there came down here a lawyer in politics who had been a member of the State committee and the town committee where I lived; was then; who probably had as much to do with my being in Congress as any man. He came here to Washington and stayed with me, and he was certainly employed by the Electric Boat Company."

Mr. Lilley replied: "He was employed by Mr. Frost, vice president of the Electric Boat Company, who, he said, was a college classmate of his, and that he was a splendid fellow and wanted me to meet him. He told me about the excellent qualities of Mr. Frost and urged me to vote for his submarine."

He first had tried by getting the closest political influence bear upon me that he could, and then a large business enterprise that employed thousands of hands. The same thing happened a very few days before the motion was made in our committee this year on submarines. A new manufacturer from the same town walked into my room over in the new building and told me that they were practically coming to the point of making an order so badly as they did now, that they had a promise of an order from the Holland or Electric Boat Company if I would vote the right on this proposition. I said, "What is the size of your order?" He said, "25,000." I asked him what the profit was to them. He said, "About 2,000." Now, I said, "let me see if I understand you correctly. You are asking me to vote \$25,000 of other people's money, of which I am one of the trustees, for the sake of giving you a \$2,000 order on which you are going to make \$2,000 profit. Is that your proposition?" He sat and looked at me a few minutes, and then said he did not like to have me put it that way. I repeated it to him, and I said, "If that is your proposition, I would prefer to pay you the \$2,000 myself." That ended that interview.

#### Letter From Lawyer.

"But an attorney came down here and stayed three or four days—the same one—and the morning that he went away he left a letter in my box at the New Willard containing a clipping from a Washington paper explaining that the department had sent four submarines to Manila and expected others to follow, and urged on me the necessity of voting for a liberal number of submarines. I thought I had that letter here. It is up here in my room. This Electric Boat Company has been a stench in the nostrils of the country for years, and, in my opinion, it has done more to corrupt legislation than all the other corporations on earth. I think the membership of this House is of the very highest quality, and that they are the best men, usually, from the districts from which they come; but with a flock of 33, here, I think the worst of them, and not some sheep in it that had the foot-rot or scabies. I think the disease ought to be eradicated before it spreads."

## CLERK DROPS DEAD NINTH STREET

Heart disease and epilepsy are believed to have caused the death of P. P. Lynch, a census office clerk, of 124 New Jersey avenue northwest, about noon today. The coroner may perform an autopsy.

The dazed man, afterward identified by M. S. Johnson, who had written a letter found on the body, was seen reeling on the pavement at Ninth and E streets northwest, at 11:30 o'clock. Edward Savage sent in a call for an ambulance, but when a doctor from the Emergency Hospital arrived Lynch refused to go to that institution.

Later Savage took him into a saloon and telephoned for the patrol wagon from the First precinct. Lynch was hurried to the Emergency Hospital, but upon the arrival of the patrol wagon there he was pronounced dead.

It was at first thought he died from poison.

## PARK EXTENSION BILL REPORTED TO SENATE

Senator Warren of Wyoming favorably reported to the Senate today the Gallinger bill to acquire certain tracts of land in the vicinity of Massachusetts avenue and Rock Creek as an addition to Rock Creek Park.

The committee acted favorably on the bill at its last meeting, but the report was not made immediately to the Senate. The bill carries an appropriation of \$125,000, half to come out of the United States Treasury and half from the revenues of the District.

The chief of engineers and the Commissioners constituting the board of control for Rock Creek Park are required to make a survey and map of the tracts that are to be acquired.

## Commerce Chamber Merger Will Be Postponed Again

Discussion of the proposed merger of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, which was expected to be brought up by the directors of the chamber, will be postponed again at the meeting of the Board of Trade tonight.

It developed this morning that although opportunity had been provided to put the matter before the whole membership of the Board of Trade tonight, this will not be done. John B. Larnier, chairman of the board, has committed, in preparing two reports covering the proceedings of the merger conference, but states that he has not sufficient time to prepare them before the meeting. Mr. Larnier is writing a majority report, which will favor a merger under the name, "The Washington Board of Trade," and which will be signed by Thomas W. Smith and W. G. Henderson, while he will sign his minority report opposing the proposed action.

President Cune-H. Rudolph, of the Board of Trade, this morning said that he expected to leave the city next Wednesday, and expressed the hope that the question might be settled before his departure.

## Sorrowing Citizens Follow Victims of Fire Disaster To Collinwood Cemetery

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today, but so many nationalities and religious beliefs were represented among the parents of the little victims that this was deemed inadvisable. Ministers and undertakers from Cleveland assisted those from the stricken city.

While arrangements for the memorial service go on, the relief committee is hard at work preparing relief for the stricken.

Yesterday's investigations showed that many homes with white ribbons fluttering from the door knobs are destitute. Many fathers have been out of work for months and the fire disaster has left them penniless.

#### Investigation Begun.

The whole State is stirred over the tragedy and there will be no cessation of effort until every means of discovering the responsibility for the accident has been exhausted. The Legislature today began its inquiry, but cannot progress far until the coroner's hearing has been held.

The ruins are still surrounded by a crowd of curious onlookers.

## FIRE DANGERS IN WASHINGTON START INQUIRY

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tend to make the building easy play for the flames. While the superintendent does not think there is any necessity for special alarm, owing to the excellence of the fire drills and the fact that there are a large number of exits in all buildings, all opening outward, he is in favor of immediate remedying of all unnecessary defects. The sum of \$100,000 has been set aside by the Board of Education, and as soon as these reports are in it is said that they will be transmitted to Captain Oyster, president of the board, who will send them to the District Commissioners, with request that Congress be made the school buildings fireproof.

#### Renew Old Fight.

This will but follow the lines of the fight begun some years ago by the school authorities themselves, but in which Congress seems to have evinced but passing interest unless at spasmodic intervals, when such disasters as the Troquois Theater fire awake them to the dangers at home.

It is expected that the defects of every school building in the city will have been pointed out to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. The request that water hose be supplied the Franklin building will probably go to the Commissioners this afternoon.

## Bids on Schools Will Be Opened Tomorrow Noon

Proposals for the erection of a twelve-room school building in B street southeast, will be opened at the District building at noon tomorrow. The sum of \$100,000 was appropriated at the last session of Congress for the purchase of a site for the school and erection of the building.

Bids for a sixteen-room building to be erected in Mt. Pleasant will be opened March 14. Congress appropriated \$125,000 for the site and building.

The building department is also preparing plans for a sixteen-room school building to be erected in Fourth street northwest, south of Howard University for which \$125,000 was appropriated. Under the terms of the contract the construction of the buildings will begin five days after the award.

The proposed buildings will not be fireproof and the average cost of their construction will be 15 cents a cubic foot. It is estimated that to erect fireproof buildings as far as the roof would cost 17 cents a cubic foot and including the roof 23 cents a cubic foot. According to officials of the Engineer Department of the District, however, the three new school buildings cannot be made fireproof because of the limited appropriations.

## JOSEPH ROTH PURCHASES DWELLING ON S STREET

Joseph Roth has purchased, as a home the residence at 909 S street northwest. The house, which is a three-story dwelling of pressed brick and brown stone trimmings, was formerly the property of the Washington City Orphan Asylum. The transfer was made through the real estate firm of Boss & Phelps.

## AUTOISTS IN ROUND-UP, SIXTY-ONE FACE COURT

NEW YORK, March 6.—Sixty-one autoists are in court today to answer charges of violations of the speed regulations.

Bicycle policemen made the round up yesterday and last night as a result of careless driving, and of still more numerous complaints of recklessness and narrow escapes, especially in the uptown section.

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## MINISTER DENIES KAISER'S INFLUENCE

Admiralty Lord Accuses  
London Press of Trying  
to Break Friendship.

LONDON, March 6.—Accusing the London press of a deliberate attempt to break up the growing friendship between England and Germany, Lord Tweedmouth first lord of the admiralty, denied through his secretary today that the Kaiser has made the slightest suggestion to him concerning the British naval estimates.

"His lordship admits receiving a letter from the German ruler, but says it was private and has nothing whatever to do with naval expenditures. He will make a formal statement to the house of lords Monday."

In the meantime the newspapers are trying to make an international scare of the letter, with the exception of the Star, which joins in Lord Tweedmouth's assertion that the Times in particular, is trying to stir up discord.

The latter paper editorially demands this morning that Tweedmouth produce the Kaiser's letter and his own reply, charging an attempt by "Helm" to influence a British minister responsible for the navy in Germany's interest.

## Kaiser Expresses Sympathy For the Bereaved Families

BERLIN, March 6.—Chancellor Von Buelow sent for the Emperor a message to Baron Speck von Sternburg, German ambassador at Washington, to express sympathy to the mayor of Cleveland in connection with the Collinwood school disaster. The German ruler, who has been assailed by the children of any German subjects were among the victims.

## RABBI TO GIVE LECTURE; PUT ESTHER INTO OPERA

The Rev. H. Benmosche, of Durham, N. C., will deliver two lectures on "Humanity," in Talmud Torah Synagogue, this evening and tomorrow morning. The lectures, which are free, and to which the public is invited, will begin at 8 o'clock this afternoon and 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, lasting one hour.

The Rev. Mr. Benmosche is a man of wit, learning, and liberal education. Several days ago he copyrighted at the Congressional Library an opera based on the Biblical story of Esther. The play is "Haddassah, the Faithful Jewess," and will be produced this spring.

## LEAPS FROM STEAMER TO DEATH IN SOUND

NEW YORK, March 6.—A well-dressed man ended his life early today by leaping from the upper deck of the Joy line steamer Edgemont into the Long Island Sound.

The passenger, who boarded the vessel at Providence, paced the deck restlessly until long after midnight, and when most of the other travelers had retired made the fatal plunge.

## B. H. WARNER INDORSED FOR COL. PEARRE

Brainard H. Warner, of Kensington, Md., was unanimously indorsed last night for the Republican nomination in the Sixth Congressional District of Maryland. The indorsement was made at a mass meeting held at Rockville, Md., where Mr. Warner, who was present at the meeting, defined his position as a candidate.

Arrangements were made for another mass meeting to be held in the Rockville Opera House Saturday night, March 14.

## LEWIS STEWART BURIED.

NEWARK, N. J., March 6.—The funeral of Lewis Stewart, of the architectural firm of Forth, Stewart & Oliver, of New York, was held from his home here at noon today. The services and interment were private. Mr. Stewart died Tuesday from typhoid pneumonia. He was a son of the late Judge John H. Stewart, of Trenton, N. J.

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**Births.**  
John W. and Lula Talbot, by and girl.  
Theodore F. and Eva L. Stacks, boy.  
Edward L. and Madge B. Sanford, girl.  
Joseph F. and Myrtle Potter, girl.  
George H. and Minnie Pruitt, boy.  
Albert S. and Surl L. McBride, girl.  
Edward W. and Ella R. Lutzrick, girl.  
Sylvester V. and Amanda Harding, girl.  
Louis F. C. and E. Lillian Heintz, boy.  
Albert L. and Emily Gibbs, girl.  
Charles L. and Laura A. Green, girl.  
Daniel W. and Mary C. Ferris, girl.  
Harold and Ida A. Davis, boy.  
Edward M. and Edna N. Dev-ermann, boy.  
Samuel and Annie Dunning, boy.  
Delbert and Grace Cole, girl.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
Park M. Reader and Hazel V. Wegner.  
George McDuffie and Helen Hunt.  
Paul Holmes and Mary J. Marshall.  
George J. Cook, of Maynard, Md., and Elma M. Yates.  
Joseph Pittro and Mary Ambrosio.  
Samuel Davis and Sophie Jarbow.  
Edward Scott, Riverdale, Md., and Estella Warner, of Beltsville, Md.  
Francis Vidal and Valerie Howard.

**Deaths.**  
Seth Bonney, 70 years, 413 H street northwest.  
Louis Schmidt, 72 years, 702 Seventh street northwest.  
Redfield Proctor, 76 years, 1424 K street northwest.  
Caroline S. Chase, 75 years, La Normandie.  
Emilie A. Murden, 65 years, The Porter.  
Gottlieb Lederer, 81 years, 2011 Gales street northeast.  
Ignatius Ford, 74 years, 212 Florida avenue northwest.  
Marcellus Jenkins, 15 years, 303 Monroe street, Anacostia.  
Richard H. Clendenin, 62 years, National Homeopathic Hospital.  
Francis E. James, 67 years, 1236 Eleventh street northwest.  
Fred Lupton, Jr., 42 years, Raleigh Hotel.  
William Cronie, 74 years, United States Soldiers' Home, D. C.

## PHILIPPINE BISHOP TO SPEAK ON ISLANDS

Bishop Hendricks, of the Philippine Islands, will officiate at the solemn reception to the members and promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer, commonly called the League of the Sacred Heart, at St. Aloysius Church, this evening. This is Bishop Hendricks' first visit to America since he was consecrated bishop of Cuba. He arrived in Washington on Monday and probably will remain here several weeks. The Apostleship of Prayer is perhaps the largest organization in the world, having more than 2,500,000 members in various lands. Bishop Hendricks is well acquainted with the work of the organization in America, Philippines, and Cuba, and his address this evening doubtless will be of much interest.

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## THAW MODEL INMATE; GAINING IN WEIGHT

ALBANY, N. Y., March 6.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, after six weeks in Matteawan Asylum, has become a model inmate, according to Dr. A. W. Ferris, head of the State commission in lunacy. No official report on Thaw's condition has been made, but he has been under observation continually.

He has gained more than twenty pounds since he arrived at the asylum. He attributes this to his being forced to give up whiskey and tobacco.

Thaw seems to have fitted into the asylum life with ease and not only amuses himself, but provides amusement for others. He is permitted to play the chapel piano and his music has become a part of the day's pleasure to the inmates.

There is little prospect of Thaw being released soon, as the officials will undoubtedly take a long time for observation before arriving at any decision. They find it difficult to get satisfactory results now, as Thaw is seen and coached daily by his counsel.

**Died.**  
MATTHEW—Departed this life, Thursday, March 6, 1908, after an illness of four months, FRANCIS CARROLL, beloved husband of Mina Grace Mattingly, aged thirty-two years.  
Funeral Saturday, March 7, at 10 a. m. from St. Patrick's Church. Friends and relatives invited.

HOGAN—Departed this life, Thursday, March 5, 1908, at 10 p. m. PATRICK HOGAN, native of County Clare, Ireland.  
Funeral from his daughter's residence, 139 Prospect avenue, Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. thence to Holy Trinity Church, where solemn high requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment at Holy Road Cemetery.

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